Platform No. 9

2816/8476	Puri/Neelachal Expresses	0530	0635
2621	Tamil Nadu Express	0645	0730
2301/2305	Rajdhani Express	0950	1200
2406/2405	New Delhi-Ludhiana Superfast Express	1230	1305
4645	Shalimar Express	1530	1610
2302/2306	Rajdhani Express	1730	1840
2903	Frontier Mail	1900	2005
4518	Unchahar Express	2040	2115
2622	Tamil Nadu Express	2130	2230

(b) No, Sir. Taking into consideration the dealing of Passengers/Shuttles including EMUs all Platforms are intensively utilised.

(c) Does not arise.

Commissioning of Konkan Railway Project

3014. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Konkan Railway Project was to be completed and commissioned by October, 1994 ;

(b) if so, has there been any slippage in the schedule for completion of work;

(c) in case the reply to (a) and (b) is in the positive the stage upto which the work has been completed as on date may be mentioned;

(d) whether there is any proposal to commission the stages which have been completed before October; and

(e) if not, whether there is any other contingency plan to ensure that the total cost of the project does not exceed the ceiling or the excess cost is recovered by stage-wise commissioning ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Work on the 68 kms. long Mangalore-Udupi section of the project has already been completed and the line has been opened to passenger traffic in March, 1993.

47 kms. Long Roha-Veer (Dasgaon) section has been completed and is ready for being opened to traffic soon after the end of the monsoon.

As on date, the overall physical progress of the entire project is 50%.

(e) No further stage-wise commissioning is proposed for the rest of the project, as the likely returns from such partial commissioning will not be commensurate with the operational and maintenance cost.

Every effort is being made to ensure that the total cost of the Project does not exceed the estimated cost except for the increase due to inflationary element.

Appointment of Physiotherapist in the Northern Railway Hospital, Moradabad

3015. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far in the matter of selection and appointment of a Physiotherapist in the Northern Railway Hospital, Moradabad, which had been hanging on for the last more than two years or so;

(b) whether Government are aware of the agony and hardship which the Railway employees—both serving and retired—have to undergo for want of a qualified Physiotherapist in the above Hospital; and

(c) what gap arrangements Government propose to make to afford necessary relief to the afflicted Railway employees pending the final selection and appointment of the Physiotherapist ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) A repeat indent for filling up the post of Physiotherapist at Moradabad has been sent to Railway Recruitment Board, Allahabad as persons selected on the first indent did not join.

(b) and (c) Till duly recruited Physiotherapist takes over, temporary arrangement of a suitable person, trained locally, has already been made. Cases requiring more sophisticated treatment are referred to Northern Railway, Central Hospital, New Delhi.

Sleeper Coach Facility in Train between Bijnor and Allahabad

3016. SHRI ASHIS SEN : Will the Minister

of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any train between Bijnor (Uttar Pradesh) and Allahabad with 'Sleeper Coach' facility at present;

(b) whether this facility has been withdrawn on or about 1st June, 1993;

(c) whether it is a fact that the people of Bijnor have been agitating for restoration of this facility together with addition of one more unreserved coach; and

(d) if so, Government will favourably respond to their expectation and demand and by when the needful will be done ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No, Sir. However, a through coach (Sleeper class) was available between Bijnor and Allahabad.

(b) Running of the through coach has been discontinued w.e.f. 1-7-1993. However, the quota for Bijnor has been kept intact by Nauchandi Express ex. Gajraula.

(c) There have been demands for restoration of the through coach.

(d) Being examined and action as found feasible and justified will be taken.

Rail link between Fazilka and Narwana

3017. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to construct the rail link between Fazilka and Narwana to provide facilities to the agriculturally rich areas, like Khanauri, Pattran and Samana;

(b) whether Government propose to link Patiala with Chandigarh by rail, if so, by what time it will be materialised;

(c) whether a double track is being laid between Delhi and Ferozepur via Jind and Jakhal ;

(d) if so, by what time the project is going to be completed; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to electrify the rail link between Delhi and Ferozepur, if so, by what time it is going to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) No. Sir.

(b) Survey for linking Chandigarh with Rajpura to provide a direct link to Patiala has been sanctioned and taken up in 1993-94. Further action will be taken based on results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

(c) and (d) Delhi-Samargopalpur is already a double line. Kinana-Basola and Ghaso-Himmatpura sections on Rohatak-Jakhal section have been doubled.

Doubling on Himmatpura-Jakhal section is expected to be completed during the current year. Doubling of balance patches on this route has not been sanctioned as yet.

(e) No, Sir. However, Delhi-Shakurbasti, a part of Delhi-Ferozepur section is already electrified.

विकलांग व्यक्तियों द्वारा रेल में यात्रा किया जाना

3018. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव** : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) कितने विकलांग व्यक्तियों द्वारा वर्ष 1991-92 और 1992-93 में किस-किस श्रेणी में यात्रा की गई और इसके परिणामस्वरूप रेलवे को कितना आर्थिक भार पड़ा;

(ख) इन व्यक्तियों की विकलांगता के निर्धारण के लिये क्या आवश्यक मानदण्ड और शर्तें निर्धारित की गई हैं;

(ग) क्या किसी टिकटधारी व्यक्ति के साथ यात्रा करने वाले विकलांग व्यक्ति को अपने लिये केवल एक-चौथाई किराया देने का पात्र बनाया गया है; यदि नहीं, तो क्या इस प्रावधान पर विचार किया जायेगा;

(घ) क्या अलग से यह घोषणा की गई है कि बैशाखियों और अन्य बाह्य साधनों का उपयोग करने वाले विकलांग व्यक्ति ऐसी रियायतों के पात्र होंगे; और

(ङ) विकलांग व्यक्ति के साथ उसकी यात्रा में सहायकों के रूप में मान्य पात्र व्यक्तियों का ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के॰ सी॰ लेंका) : (क) जिन विकलांग व्यक्तियोंने रेल यात्रा रियायत का लाभ उठाया, उनकी संख्या और इसके परिणाम स्वरूप रेलों पर पड़ने वाले आर्थिक बोझ के आंकड़े अलग से नहीं रखे जाते ।

(ख) से (ङ) कतिपय अशक्तताओं से पीड़ित व्यक्तियों की निम्नलिखित कोटियां रेल यात्रा रियायत के लिए पात्र हैं :—